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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents December 22, 2008 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is fully responsive to the non-final Office Action of September 22 2008 and is being submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix is attached following the signature page of this response.